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Tentative Agenda
Board of Managers' Meeting
Chevy Chase Village Hall
Monday, November 13, 2006 at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

Appeals

2 Newlands Street

3 Grafton Street

29 Primrose Street

27 Quincy Street

5501 Montgomery Street

Old Business

New Business

Chairman's Report

Manager's Report

Police Report

Building Permits/Code Enforcement

Mark Your Calendar and See the Enclosed Flyers & Articles

November 4: Parents Night Out

November 18: Children's Concert

December 9: Parents' Afternoon Out

December 13: Village's Annual Holiday Party

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Building Projects—Assessing New Regulatory Authority

At its regular meeting on October 9, the Board of Managers discussed additional authority recently granted to the Village and other Montgomery County municipalities in their regulation of building projects. The Board directed staff to compile a list of residents with expertise in the building and architectural fields who would be willing to serve on an advisory committee in this area. A number of Village residents have already been contacted and have agreed to list themselves as candidates and the Board will review this list at its November 13 meeting.

If you would like to add your name to the candidate list, please contact Geoff Biddle at the Village office. The Crier will publish reports on an on-going basis as this process moves forward.

Reminder: Political signs must be removed within seven (7) days after the election on November 7.

2006 Village Resident Survey Results

Included with this edition of the *Crier* is a reprint of the 2006 Resident Survey questionnaire formatted to display the results. Along with written comments, this report may also be reviewed on the Village website at www.ccvillage.org.

The Board of Managers, Committee Chairs and members and Village staff appreciate everyone's response. At the cutoff date for the tabulated results, we had a response rate of 54% and, counting completed forms still arriving, we are approaching 60%.

Resident-Based Emergency Preparedness Planning

The first in-house emergency preparedness planning meeting was held on October 12. Identified through this summer's emergency preparedness questionnaire, a dozen volunteers assembled to discuss planning priorities addressing both natural and man-made events. Discussions were led by residents Oliver Davidson and Kathy Jones. Doris Lyerly and Michael Younes, both Village staffers, reported on responses from the questionnaire and the Village's growing coordination with the Montgomery County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Emergency Management Group (EMG).

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Chevy Chase Village Board of Managers' Meeting, 2nd Monday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall
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In The Village

Latex Paint Disposal

Montgomery County Solid Waste Management no longer allows the collection and disposal of latex paint along with other hazardous waste. This means that the Village Public Works Department is not allowed to collect latex paint.

The only authorized disposal procedure is to remove the tops from latex paint cans and allow the contents to dry. Once completely dried, the tops should be replaced and the cans placed with the regular trash (see below). Any questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Communications Center. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Suggestions for Leftover LATEX Paint...

Use It Up! Donate unopened cans of paint. Many schools, communities, religious and theater groups will accept unopened cans, especially white paint. Even a neighbor may need some extra paint. Also, check your paint store's policy on returning unopened cans of paint. Pass It On! Small amounts of paint can be mixed with other colors or bulked together and used as a primer coat or on jobs where the final finish is not critical. Avoid waste, buy only what you need.

Dry It Up! Simply remove the lid and place it in a safe, well-ventilated area. Cans with 1/4 or less paint in them will dry in a few days. For cans with greater volume, add mulch, cat litter, or "Waste Paint Hardener™" available at all McCormick Paint Stores and most area hardware stores.

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The meeting's substance centered on distilling the likelihood of certain events that might occur and developing direct and simple plans to address specific hazards and conditions which would directly affect the Village in each potential situation. Emergency plans for each event response should address communication (office-to-resident and resident-to-resident), traffic control and transportation support, individual resident aid, medical assistance and security to ensure both persons and property are preserved within the Village.

The group agreed that developing drafts of event-specific plans will likely take monthly meetings, but this frequency may change as needed. The group also hopes to schedule at least one tour of the EOC facilities in Rockville.

For all those who were unable to attend this first meeting and would like to receive more information on the specific plans and goals outlined, please email Doris Lyerly at doris.lyerly@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Board Actions - October 9, 2006 Board of Managers' Meeting

Minutes: September 11, 2006 Meeting: Approved.

Committee Reports: Brookville Road Working Group—Chair of the Working Group, Douglas Kamerow, stated that the Group met on October 4 and directed to staff to contact all residents abutting the roadway to ascertain their acceptance of the proposed sidewalk/walkway. This survey of abutting residents will take several weeks, but will direct the Group's further action. **Connecticut Avenue Design Committee**—Committee member, Alice Kinter, explained that the design firm, *EDAW, Inc.*, had been selected to draft a design plan that would allow development of cost estimates. Once a cost estimate is derived, the private fundraising can begin for the project itself. The Board authorized appropriation of \$32,500 from reserves for the landscaping design and authorized the Village Manager to enter into a contract with *EDAW, Inc.* for this service.

Appeals: A-1582—23 W. Irving St.: (a) Removal of one 33.5-inch diameter Spanish Oak tree located in the rear yard of the property to accommodate a proposed addition—Approved, (b) Removal of one 24.5-inch diameter White Oak tree located in the rear yard of the property to accommodate a proposed addition—Approved; A-5170—27 Quincy St.: Construct a rear addition, a portion of which would encroach 2' into the 7' side yard setback—Approved; A-1583—27 Quincy St.: Removal of one 11.0-inch diameter Hemlock tree located in the rear yard of the property to accommodate a proposed addition—Approved; A-5123 (a)—5414 Center St.: Construct a new main residence, the eaves of which would encroach 6" and two proposed chimneys would encroach 1', 8" into the 7' side yard setback on the southwest side of the property—Denied.

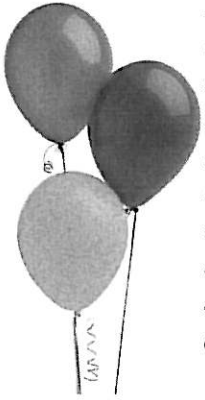
Old Business: Resolution No. 10-01-06—Amendment of fee schedule—Approved. Resolution No. 10-02-06—An ordinance to amend Chapter 6 of the Chevy Chase Village Code to amend the schedule of fines to increase the fines for failure to obtain a permit and failure to obtain approval for modification of or deviation from approved plans—Approved.

This is a synopsis of the Board's actions. To view an archive of the complete approved minutes from the Board's meetings, please visit the Village website at www.ccvillage.org and click on "The Board of Managers".

The Village Hall

Rent the Village Hall For Your Next Event

The Village Hall is the perfect setting for your next meeting or party and is available to all Village residents. Our two large rooms are available for:



- birthday parties,
- sweet 16 parties,
- weddings and wedding receptions,
- anniversary parties,
- graduation parties,
- bar and bat mitzvah receptions,
- business/organization meetings, and
- any event you can think of! There is even a small room to hold smaller children's birthday parties for a reduced rate.

The rates for rental of the two larger rooms are reduced for children's (ages 12 and under) parties. The Village Hall is sure to enhance your event. Please contact Doris Lyerly in the Village office for additional information and to reserve your date.

Halloween Party a Huge Success!

The Village's annual Halloween Party was attended by many and enjoyed by all, despite the unpleasant weather. Costume awards were distributed in the categories of scariest, most original, funniest, best sisters and best brothers costumes. Photos from the party can be viewed on the Village website under "News and Events", and copies of individual photos may be obtained by emailing Shana Davis-Cook in the Village office at shana.davis-cook@mongomerycountymd.gov.

Special thanks to the Public Works staff for inflating the many balloons; Village resident Colleen Mudlaff and family for filling the frosting cups; Administrative Assistant, Doris Lyerly for organizing the event and decorating the Village Hall; to Communications Center Clerk Beverly Perkins for assisting with the decorations and set-up; and to our distinguished costume judges Susie Eig, Helen Mills and George Kinter.

For the first time this year, several Village youth and teens assisted Village staff in setting-up and keeping things running during the party. Our helpers included Nicole Fossi, Madeline Linder, Anna Rotrosen, Cameron Sprenger, Lucas Thompson, Alyssa Villones and Noelle Tassey. Their assistance was truly appreciated.

Mark Your Calendar...

The Annual Chevy Chase Village Holiday Party will be held on Wednesday, December 13 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

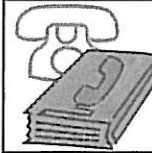
Festivities will include a visit with Santa Claus and a good time should be had by all.

Mark your calendars for the 13th and make your reservations once invitations are received in the mail.

Building Facilities Commission

The Building Facilities Commission meets the second Monday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Village Hall. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, November 13. All residents are invited to attend.

The Committee recently changed its rental policies and now requires a reservation fee, **prior** to reserving a date on the Hall calendar.



The 2006 Resident Directory is available for pick-up in the Village office and Communications Center.

Committee on Children, Youth and Families

The Committee on Children, Youth and Families (CYF) will sponsor a Children's Concert entitled "Peter and the Wolf" on Saturday, November 18 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The concert will be run by Village resident, Wes Nichols. Children will be encouraged to view and touch the instruments and ask questions of the musicians.

We all know how difficult holiday shopping can be, especially with kids in-tow. To help parents out with their holiday shopping this year, CYF will sponsor a special "Parents' Afternoon Out" on Saturday, December 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Parents are encouraged to use this afternoon to do some holiday shopping (or whatever else you need to do).

Residents can contact the Committee's Co-Chairs by email with ideas for new activities, or to volunteer for future events: Amy Cooper at acbelle@aol.com or Karen Spangler at kareenspangler@comcast.net.

In The Village

Autumn Leaves



The Public Works Department's yearly leaf collection effort is underway. Two leaf vacuums will be running as often as needed from November through the first week in December or as long as needed.

Residents planning to rake their leaves into piles are requested to rake them as close to the curb as possible without putting them in the gutter. Should it rain, leaves piled in the gutter will dam the water causing it to pond. Residents are asked not to box in piles of leaves with cars both for easier accessibility for the leaf crews and additional safety for your vehicles.

Residents on Bradley Lane should put their leaves in paper bags and place them at the roadside. Bradley La. is the only area where bagging is required. Sticks and other sharp tree and garden debris should be left loose and placed in separate piles from the leaves. Sharp debris can tear the leaf collection hoses or dull the blades on the leaf machines and repairs to the vacuum machinery can cause delays in the pick up schedule.

Licensing for Tree Contractors

A bill passed by the Maryland General Assembly, effective October 1, 2005, requires all tree experts to be licensed through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to **prune** and **remove** trees within the State. This law applies within the Village and is already being enforced.

The Village's Tree Removal Permit Application now requires the tree contractor's name, phone number and DNR license number. Permits will not be issued if the contractor has not been selected.

Village officers will also be verifying licensing for any crews seen pruning trees on private property. Any crews witnessed pruning without valid licensing will receive a State citation and fine, and will be escorted out of the Village.

For more information regarding this new regulation or to verify licensing for a desired tree contractor, please visit the DNR website at www.dnr.state.md.us or call them at (877) 620-8DNR. For questions regarding the law's application within the Village, please contact the Village office.

Village Residents are Invited to Screening of New Chevy Chase Documentary and Conversation with Producers on Nov. 15

Chevy Chase Village residents are invited to see the new documentary, "Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home," and hear behind-the-scenes stories of what it took to create the film at the Chevy Chase Historical Society's 25th Anniversary Fall Meeting on Wednesday, November 15, at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Town of Chevy Chase Town Hall in the Leland Center, 4301 Willow Lane, and the public is welcome.

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Appeal & Crier Deadlines

The deadline to submit articles for the December 2006 issue of the *Crier* is close of business on Monday, November 27.

The deadline to submit appeals or other requests to be heard by the Board at its December 11, 2006 meeting is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27.

Village Listserve

As a direct way for the Village staff and Board to disseminate important information directly to residents personal computers, the Village staff is proud to introduce the Chevy Chase Village Listserve at Yahoo!® Groups.

To subscribe, go to www.groups.yahoo.com and click on Sign Up!, which will direct you to the Registration page. Follow the instructions to enroll. **IMPORTANT:** If you do not already have a Yahoo!® email address and/or if you do not wish to obtain a Yahoo!® email address, you must **uncheck** the "Create my free Yahoo!® email address" checkbox on the Registration page.

The listserv is closely monitored. Any users considered to be offensive or inappropriate will be blocked from the listserv.

Listserve has become quite popular as convenient tools for sharing information. Village residents can post contractor recommendations, offer tickets or items for sale, spread the word on upcoming yard or bake sales and any other topic residents wish to discuss. All residents are encouraged to enroll in this new service. If you have any questions or need assistance enrolling, please email Shana Davis-Cook in the Village office at: shana.davis-cook@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Police Beat—Chevy Chase Village

To e-mail Police Chief Roy Gordon: roy.gordon@montgomerycountymd.gov

Village Police Department Honored

Chief Roy Gordon and Corporal Eric Tiedemann were recently honored by the Maryland Highway Safety Office for their outstanding efforts in the "Smooth Operator Program".

The ceremony took place at the University of Maryland, College Park in October.

Congratulations to Chief Gordon and Corporal Tiedemann for this honor.



FBI Warns Residents of Driveway Scams

The FBI warned residents about a series of driveway paving scams. According to the FBI, individuals described as white males who speak with Irish accents have been hired by homeowners to conduct driveway repairs. On several occasions, the paving repairs have been deficient; resulting in cracked, collapsed driveways and often the work has been left unfinished.

Victims have reported being unable to recoup losses to the scammers because the business addresses and telephone numbers of the paving companies have all turned out to be non-existent. The FBI has asked for anyone who might have information about the men or has been a victim of the fraudulent work to call the bureau at 1 (888) 324-9800.

Reminder: Please call the Communications Center or visit the Village website to schedule a House Check before leaving town for the Holidays.

Snow Removal on Sidewalks



Sidewalks must be cleared of excess snow. Residents are responsible for clearing all snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of or abutting their property within the first forty-eight (48) hours after the cessation of falling snow. Residents who occupy corner lots are responsible for the sidewalk in front of and on the side of their property.

Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

Chevy Chase Village wants you to have a safe and enjoyable holiday. But first, take a moment to review the following suggestions:

- Always park in well lit areas when shopping.
- Never leave packages or valuables in plain sight in your vehicle.
- Whenever possible, walk in groups.
- Walk confidently (a potential mugger or thief will target people who seem apprehensive).
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- If you notice something that does not seem right, then it probably is not. Request assistance from Security personnel.
- When going to your vehicle, have your keys in your hand.

Protect yourself against fraud:

- Sign all credit cards prior to activation.
- Take only credit cards with you that you need.
- Do not keep check cashing cards in your checkbook.
- Keep purses or bags closed tightly.
- Keep your glove compartment locked or keep your registration on you as it contains vital personal information.
- When carrying large amounts of cash, keep it in different places, as opposed to all together.
- Never reveal your social security number to strangers or telemarketers.
- Never throw out anything that contains personal information without destroying it first (thieves search through trash in hopes of finding such material).

Recycle Old Cell Phones

Residents may drop off old cell phones **and** chargers at the Communications Center. The Police Chief will deliver them to the Sheriff's office for recycling. These phones will be programmed for victims of domestic violence or senior citizens so they may call 9-1-1 to report an emergency situation. They cannot be used for any other function.

Community News

Chevy Chase Community Library November 2006

The Chevy Chase Library is located at 8005 Connecticut Avenue. All programs are free. For further information or for reservations, contact the library at (240) 773-9590.

Great Books Discussion Group: WHOLE SHEBANG by Ferris. Wednesday, November 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Toddler Times: Stories, rhymes and other activities for ages 18-36 months. (Seating is limited and free tickets will be distributed before each program.)

Thursday, November 2 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

—No Program Tuesday, November 7, Election Day—

Thursday, November 9 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

Tuesday, November 14 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

Thursday, November 16 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

Tuesday, November 21 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

—No Program Thursday, November 23, Thanksgiving—

Tuesday, November 28 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.;

Thursday, November 30 at 10:15 and repeat at 11:00 a.m.

Born to Read: Saturday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m.

Introduce your child (newborn to 18 months) to the joy of language and books with this program featuring rhymes, songs, bounces, movement and short stories. Funded by the Friends of the Library, Montgomery County, Inc.

Preschool Storytime: Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.: Stories, rhymes and other activities. Come in pajamas, if you like. For ages 3 to 6.

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Longtime Village residents Ephraim Jacobs, Joan Marsh and Mary Anne Tuohey appear in the film, along with local historians Judith H. Robinson, William Offutt, Elizabeth Jo Lampl and Kimberly Prothro Williams.

Before the film is shown on Nov. 15, the award-winning videographer and the Chevy Chase resident who co-produced the documentary will tell how a helicopter, a 1915 ragtime tune, computer animation and professional actors helped flavor the story of one of the nation's early streetcar suburbs.

Martin Huberman, president of VideoArt Productions, and Mary Anne Hoffman, a retired communications professional who lives in the Town of Chevy Chase, will suggest special features the audience can look for in the film, and then answer questions following the 32-minute show.

Work began in November 2005 on the project, which was funded by the Chevy Chase Historical Society and

contributions from Chevy Chase Village, the Town of Chevy Chase, Section 3, Section 5, Martin's Additions and Chevy Chase Bank.

The screening of the film will follow a brief business meeting, and light refreshments will be served.

"Chevy Chase, Maryland: A Streetcar to Home" will be available for sale in DVD format at the meeting.

DVDs also can be ordered online at

www.chevychasehistory.org.

Questions about the Nov. 15 meeting may be directed to Marilyn Montgomery at (301) 656-2295.

REMINDERS

- Notify the Village office if you have a medical requirement for emergency services so we may alert utility companies working in the Village.
- Having your house number painted on the curb in front of your property is prohibited by Section 12-5 of the Village Code. Contractors painting on the Village curbs will be issued a municipal citation by the Village Police.
- Dumpster use in the Village requires a permit. Please remind your contractor that a permit must be received from the Village Office prior to placing a dumpster on private property. Dumpsters are prohibited on public property, including Village streets at ALL times. Dumpster switch-outs are prohibited in the Village's public right-of-way, including roadways.
- Contact the Village office prior to removing trees on private property or beginning any home improvement projects to discuss permit requirements.
- Grey recycle bin lids are available in the Communications Center. Please make sure your recycle bins are placed in an easily accessible location. If recycling haulers cannot find the bins, collection of recyclables may be hampered.
- Free "No Solicitors" stickers are available for residents wishing to put them in a window near the front door to their home. The sticker is in addition to the list maintained by Communications.
- Residents are encouraged to use the Bulletin Board, located in the Village Hall, for notices or advertisements, which must be approved by staff prior to posting.
- Please remind your landscaping and home improvement contractors that work is prohibited prior to 8:00 a.m. weekdays and 9:00 a.m. weekends.

Public Works Department/Trash Schedule

While several Village residents have called to compliment the Unity staff for a job well done, your input is important when we evaluate our contracted services. Please report missed services to the Communications Center at (301) 654-7300. Please leave your gates unlocked so the Unity staff can enter your property to collect your refuse and recycling.

Special pickups are made on Wednesdays. Residents must submit their request either by phone or via the Village website by 2 p.m. on the preceding Tuesday to ensure pick up.

There will be **no** trash collection on Thursday, November 23 in observance of Thanksgiving. Collection will slide one day so Thursday's collection will be made on Friday and Friday's collection will be made on Saturday.

Recycling collection for residents EAST of Connecticut Avenue will be collected on Friday, November 24. **Recycling** collection for residents WEST of Connecticut Avenue will **not** be affected and will be collected on its regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, November 22.

Special pick-ups will **not** be affected and will be collected on their regularly scheduled day, Wednesday, November 22.

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Building Permits Issued by the Village Manager October 2006

3915/3911 Oliver St.....Replace shared driveway
140 Grafton St.....Bay window, small kitchen addition

Administrative Office Closed on November 10 and 23

The Administrative Office will be closed on Friday, November 10 in observance of Veterans' Day and on Thursday, November 23 for Thanksgiving.

As always, the Communications Center and Police Department remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

MVA on Wheels

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration's mobile service will be at the Friendship Heights Village Center on Monday, November 27, 2006 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

In addition to license renewals, motorists may drop off old tags and avail themselves of several other services. For schedule or additional information, visit the MVA website at: www.mva.state.md.us/location/montcty.htm or by phone at 1 (800) 950-1682, ext 2.

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Mark Your Calendar
Village Holiday Party
December 13, 2006
6:00-8:00 p.m.

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